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Bridge Improvement Project on Halsted Street over the Little Calumet River

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that the bridge that carries Halsted Street (Illinois 1) over the Little Calumet River, in Chicago, will be completely closed, beginning, weather permitting, Tuesday, August 16. The closure is necessary for a bridge improvement project.

Starting Tuesday, August 16, the Halsted Avenue bridge over the Little Calumet River will be fully closed until Winter 2016. A posted detour will direct northbound traffic on Halsted Street to go west on Sibley Boulevard (147th Street), north on S. Wood Street and east on 127th Street to meet back with Halsted Street. Southbound traffic on Halsted Street will take the reverse route.

The scope of the project includes structural steel repairs, cleaning and painting the existing bridge. The overall project will be complete in Summer 2017.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to posted detours and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click <u>here</u> to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at <u>www.travelmidwest.com</u>